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SUBJ: UNSYG TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST

- 1. UK MISSION HAS DESCRIBED FOR US UNSYG'S COMMENTS TO UK PERMREP SIR DONALD MAITLAND REGARDING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO ME, MADE AFTER SIR DONALD'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AUG 21. REMARKS INDICATE WALDHEIM HAS HIGHER HOPES FOR PROGRESS, AND MORE ACTIVIST APPROACH. THAN HE HAS INDICATED TO US.
- 2. WALDHEIM TOLD MAITLAND THAT WHILE MANY CONSIDERED HIS TRIP ILL-TIMED, THAT WAS NOT SO. IN FACT, TIME WAS RIPE FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT. IDEA OF TRIP CAME FROM EGYPT, WALDHEIM CONTINUED, BUT NOW ISRAELIS HAD ALSO COME AROUND AND TOLD HIM THEY WANTED PROGRESS. (EGYPT, HE SAID, HAD INSISTED THAT HE VISIT TEL AVIV FIRST SO THAT ISRAEL WOULD HAVE TO COME UP WITH INITIAL PROPOSALS.) WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD NO ILLUSIONS THAT SETTLEMENT WOULD COME QUICKLY; HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED QUIET CONFIDENTIAL

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DIPLOMACY MIGHT ACCOMPLISH MUCH, POSSIBLY ACHIEVING WHAT OPEN

DEBATE IN SC COULD NOT. HIS PRESENT THOUGHT WAS TO TRY OUT ON ISRAEL AND EGYPT SOMETHING ALONG LINES OF "THE RHODES FORMULA."

3. ARAB DELEGATES WITHWHOM WE HAVE TALKED HAVE SHOWN GENERAL AWARENESS OF SYG'S ACTIVISIT INCLINATIONS, BUT SEE LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF BREAKTHROUGH. ARAB LEAGUE PERMREP EL-SHIBIB, FOR EXAMPLE, TOLD MISOFF HE UNDERSTOOD WALDHEIM INTENDED TO RESURRECT HIS IDEA OF ME PEACE CONFERENCE. HE SAW NO HOPE OF ARAB AGREEMENT TO SUCH A CONFERENCE OR TO INDIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WHILE ISRAEL MAINTAINED PRESENT POSITION ON BOUNDARIES. SCALI

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